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**June 11, 2013**

**Contract Extension for Special Council and OIR Attorneys**

Merrick Bobb has served as Special Counsel to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) since 1993, providing Semi-Annual Reports to the Board relating to all aspects of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's operations. During this extensive period of time, Merrick Bobb has provided invaluable assistance in helping to manage the risk of police misconduct.

In 2001, the Board created the Office of Independent Review (OIR) to ensure that allegations of intradepartmental misconduct in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, including those which constitute criminal conduct, are investigated and reviewed in a fair, thorough, and impartial manner. OIR's functions have been expanded over the years, and OIR also provides oversight of the Probation Department's Internal Affairs operations. OIR services are currently provided through agreements with the following OIR attorneys: Michael Gennaco, Robert Miller, Julie

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The Board-appointed Citizens' Commission on Jail Violence has recommended that an Office of Inspector General (OIG) be created for the Sheriff's Department. Planning for that entity is underway, and OIG is expected to go into effect sometime in the near future. Agreements with Merrick Bobb and the OIR attorneys expire on June 30, 2013. As such, it would be appropriate to extend the agreements with Merrick Bobb and the OIR attorneys on a month-to-month basis for a period not to exceed six months from July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 so as to enable the Board to address the issue of Sheriff's Department oversight in a comprehensive and contemporaneous fashion.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Instruct County Counsel to prepare, and that the Chairman of the Board or the Inspector General be instructed, to execute amendments to the County's agreements with Merrick Bobb and the following OIR attorneys: Michael Gennaco, Robert Miller, Julie Ruhlin, Angelica Arias, Cynthia Hernandez, Bitu Shasty, Walter M. Katz, and Diana M. Teran to extend the term of the agreements on a month-to-month basis for a period not to exceed six months from July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

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